

Applicant: Manna et al.
Application No.: 10/813,815

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application contains claims 1-19. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 10-17 have been amended. Claim 19 has been newly added, claim 19 containing the limitation deleted from amended claim 15.

Amendments have been made to the specification and are set forth in a marked-up copy. A clean copy has also been submitted. No new matter has been added.

It is noted that the drawings filed March 27, 2006 have been accepted.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 4 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, these claims have been amended in the manner proposed by the examiner and it is submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Saurez (Pat '731) in view of Clonts (Pat '156). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Making reference to the Interview Summary, applicant has adopted the limitations set forth by the last Official Action at pages 4 and 5 and it is submitted that the claims, as amended in the manner proposed by the Examiner, are now allowable.

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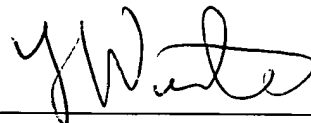
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-19, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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